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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

I am retired and can not afford a rate increase. Every utility is going up but our Social Security stays the same. The elderly need thier phones. A lot of senior citizens have to decide between food and medicine please don't add the pone to this list.

Thank you for considering my information in your decision.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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